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Memorial Service for City Manager Daniel E. McKeever Scheduled for Aug. 3

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – A memorial service for Falls Church City Manager Daniel E. McKeever, 57, will be held Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006 at 2 p.m. at Cherry Hill Park, 312 Park Ave., Falls Church. The service is open to the public.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations go to the Gamma Knife Radiosurgery Center at the University of Virginia. Checks should be payable to UVa Rector and Visitors; the memo line should state "In memory of Dan McKeever." They should be sent to the Office of University Development, P.O. Box 400807, Charlottesville, VA 22904.

Those interested in sending cards or well wishes should direct them to the Office of the City Manager, 300 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046.

McKeever died on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 due to complications from melanoma. He served as City Manager since his appointment by Council in June 2000. He was the longest serving Falls Church City Manager since 1983.

He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Cynthia C. Gannaway of Falls Church; his sister Jane E. McKeever of Arnold, Ca.; his nieces Allison G. Barnett of Ohio and Maggie McKeever Grossberg of California; and his nephew Thomas P. Gannaway II of Ohio.

McKeever was known in City management for his focus on team development. He placed a high value on City staff and inspired excellence from all who worked with him. He was particularly committed to managing smaller cities because it was important to him to be a part of the community and accessible to residents.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., McKeever attended Ferrum College, graduated from East Tennessee State University with a BA in Sociology and received his Master's Degree in Urban Affairs from Virginia Tech. He began his municipal career with the Roanoke, Va. Police Department as a patrol officer. During his tenure with the Roanoke Police Department, he worked in a variety of capacities including patrol, training, criminal investigations, and attained the rank of Lieutenant in 1981. In December 1982, he was named the Chief of Police of Pulaski, Va. He served in that capacity until July 1983 when he was named Interim Town Manager. Later that year he was appointed Town Manager. In July 1989 McKeever was named City Manager of Laconia, N.H. where he served until joining Falls Church in June 2000.

The City flag has been lowered to half-staff in remembrance of McKeever upon decree from Mayor Robin S. Gardner.

For more information, please visit www.fallschurchva.gov. Media representatives interested in attending should contact 703-248-5003.

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